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the following picture of eastbound transit traffic via Frankfurt/Oder during the period from 23 December 1950 to 3 January 1951:

All railroad stations in Poland, particularly those on the warsaw-Erest Litovsk line, were filled to capacity wit: trains en route to Brest Litovsk. This was attributed to the fact that the tracks at the Brest Litovsk railroad station were jammed with trains bound for the U.S.S.R. Another reason for this situation may be that many firms in the Soviet Zone of Germany had to deliver their quota in reparation goods by the end of the year. This caused an unusually high volume of transit traffic, which resulted in congestions. During the reported period 18 trains loaded with reparation goods were waiting to be taken over by the Poles at the restricted area at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The Polish railroad authorities are creating additional difficulties in accepting transit trains, since, after 1 January 1951, they have refused trains whose locomotives were not fired with hard coal (Steinkohle). This regulation resulted from the fear that flying incandescent cinders, as produced by locomotives firing brown coal briquettes, may damage Polish railroad installations and other property. Several times recently Polish railroad authorities stopped trains pulled by such locazotives, returning the locazotives to Frankfurt/Oder and attaching the individual railroad cars to trains pulled by locomotives burning hard coal.

- 2. Juring the period from 3 to 8 January 1951, it was observed that traffic to Brest Litovsk via Frankfurt/Oder has decreased.
- 3. It was observed on 16 January 1951, that the volume of freight traffic to Erest Litovsk and into Poland via Frankfurt/Cder was very small. *

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**Comment. The striking decline in the volume of freight traffic across the Frankfurt/der border crossing point, particularly of eastbound traffic, was reported previously.

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